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148 TRG DULUTH AFB

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USE OF CANADIAN AIRSPACE FOR TACTICAL
RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS

1. A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE COMPONENT, THE
NATIONAL GUARD, HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR A TACTICAL PHOTO-
RECONNAISSANCE TRAINING AREA FOR USE BY THE 148 TACTICAL
RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (TRG), AIR NATIONAL GUARD (ANG),
DULUTH AFB, MINNESOTA. THE PROPOSED AREA IS LOCATED OVER
SOUTHERN ONTARIO, OFF AIRWAYS AND BOUNDED BY COORDINATES
FROM:

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5000N TO 8640W
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4945N TO 8530W
4709N TO 8530W

THEN PROCEEDING WESTWARD ALONG THE CANADA/UNITED STATES
BORDER UNTIL INTERCEPTING THE 35 NAUTICAL MILE ARC OF THE
THUNDER BAY TERMINAL AREA VORTAC, THEN ALONG THE ARC TO
4856N 8902W BACK TO 5006N 8843W.

2. THE PURPOSE FOR REQUESTING THIS TRAINING AREA IS TO PROVIDE AIRSPACE OVER SPARSELY POPULATED AND MOUNTAINOUS

AREAS FOR CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN FULFILLMENT OF USAF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. THE TERRAIN IN THE PROPOSED AREA PROVIDES AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR LOW AND MEDIUM ALTITUDE RADAR NAVIGATION, WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE 148 TRG WITHIN ITS RADIUS OF ACTION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE AIRSPACE WOULD BE USED BY RF-4C AIRCRAFT FROM THE 148 TRG OPERATING FROM DULUTH AIR FORCE BASE, MINNESOTA. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE ARMED. OPERATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON FLIGHT PROFILES ORIGINATING AND TERMINATING AT DULUTH AFB WITH NO LANDINGS CONTEMPLATED IN CANADA. OPERATIONS WOULD INCLUDE LOW LEVEL AND MEDIUM ALTITUDE RADAR NAVIGATION FROM 500 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING FLIGHT LEVEL 180. AIRSPEEDS WOULD BE SUBSONIC AND WOULD NOT EXCEED 540 NAUTICAL MILES PER HOUR. TRANSITION TO AND FROM THE AREA WOULD BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES (IFR), WITH AN IFR FLIGHT PLAN AND UNDER RADAR CONTROL. ONCE IN THE AREA, FLIGHTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH VISUAL FLIGHT RULES (VFR), NOT UNDER RADAR CONTROL, BUT IN RADIO CONTACT WITH THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AUTHORITIES AT THUNDER BAY APPROACH CONTROL. FLIGHTS WOULD CONSIST OF ONE OR TWO AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY TEN TIMES PER MONTH. EACH FLIGHT WOULD BE IN THE AREA FROM 30 TO 45 MINUTES. CONFIDENTIAL

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A 24 HOUR-PER-DAY CAPABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED; HOWEVER, NORMAL OPERATIONS WILL TERMINATE BY 2200 HOURS TORONTO TIME. NORMALLY, OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED ON SUNDAYS. ALL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THE AREA WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES.

4. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF THE TRAINING MISSIONS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PERFORM LIMITED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. SUCH PHOTOGRAPHY WOULD BE LIMITED TO SUCH THINGS AS ROAD INTERSECTIONS, SMALL ISLANDS IN LAKES AND AREA COVERAGE OF SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND WOULD NOT BE RELEASED OUTSIDE OF THE 148 TRG. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE AIRSPACE SUCH AS FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS, DURATION OF FLIGHTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WOULD BE RELEASABLE TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON REQUEST.

5. REQUEST YOU SEEK GOC DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

APPROVAL FOR BLANKET OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR AIRCRAFT OF THE 148 TRG TO USE THE ABOVE MENTIONED AIRSPACE FOR A TACTICAL PHOTORECONNAISSANCE TRAINING AREA.

6. FYI: THE 148 TRG HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA BASED

ON A LOCAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED THE THUNDER BAY AGREEMENT, THE LATEST BEING DATED 6 JUN 76. THIS AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED UNDER THE AEGIS OF NORAD WHEN THE UNIT HAD AN AIR DEFENSE MISSION. THE 148 CONVERTED FROM AN AIR DEFENSE MISSION TO THE RECONNAISSANCE MISSION DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER OF FY 1976.

THE UNIT CONTINUED TO USE CANADIAN AIR SPACE PER THE THUNDER BAY AGREEMENT. IN FEBRUARY 1977 THE 148 TRG WAS DIRECTED TO DISCONTINUE USING CANADIAN AIRSPACE BY THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAINED REFLECTING ITS CHANGED MISSION. THE UNIT HAS NOT USED THE AREA SINCE FEBRUARY 1977. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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